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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EP 0 830 990 A2	Abstract in English
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	5,409,256	4/95	Gordon et al			
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	0754603A1	7/96	EUROPE			✓
	WO 96/24511	8/96	PCT			✓
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